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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS AT AMCHAM MEETING

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1. YESTERDAY AMBASSADOR UNGER MADE SOME INFORMAL COMMENTS ABOUT HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT AT THE CLOSE OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING. THIS WAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO CHAMBER'S REQUEST OF WHICH DEPARTMENT WAS MADE AWARE THROUGH REFTELS EXCHANGED DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECENT WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN NO PRESS WAS PRESENT AND NO RECORD WAS KEPT BY CHAMBER. REMARKS WERE EXTREMELY GENERAL AND TOLD AUDIENCE NOTHING WHICH IS NOT ALREADY PUBLIC PROPERTY THROUGH STATEMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION LEADERS AND SPOKESMEN.

2. THIS MORNING'S CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO CARRIES STORY HEADLINED "ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT FORD WILL STILL VISIT MAINLAND, ORIGINAL PLAN HAS TO BE REVISED. AMBASSADOR UNGER TOLD THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE U.S. STAND IS FIRM AFTER FALL OF INDOCHINA." FULL TEXT OF STORY CONTAINED SEPTEL.

3. THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN QUERIED ONLY BY ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS WHICH HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO CARRY NOTHING ON THIS STORY. IN RESPONSE TO ITS
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QUERY TO US PAO TOLD CHINA NEWS "IN INFORMAL REMARKS

BEFORE THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TAIPEI,
JUNE 25, AMBASSADOR UNGER DID NOT GO BEYOND WHAT HAS
PREVIOUSLY BEEN STATED BY PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND OTHER US OFFICIALS. HE DID NOT SAY, AS
REPORTED BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS
RECONSIDERING HIS AIMS AND STEPS REGARDING HIS SCHEDULED
VISIT TO PEKING.". CHINA TIMES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THIS
COMMENT BUT EXPECTATION IS THEY WILL NOT RUN IT.
ALL WIRE SERVICES --NO DOUBT AWARE OF CHINA TIMES STORY--
ARE BEING GIVEN OR ALREADY HAVE THIS COMMENT AS WELL. WE
UNDERSTAND UPI MAY RUN A STORY BASED ON BOTH CHINA TIMES
ITEM AND THE DENIAL.
UNGER

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